

ATTACHMENT A
Needs & Assessments
For the
Defined Temporary Safety Closure Area
Diego Fire Area
Santa Fe National Forest

Background: On June 25, 2014, a fire was reported near Diego Springs, approximately 8.7 miles southwest of Coyote, New Mexico on Santa Fe National Forest system lands. The fire which was started by a lightning storm on June 15 was approximately one acre in size burning on the ground in broken mixed conifer and aspen stands. On June 27 the fire had grown to six acres. On June 29 the fire was approximately 100 acres in size, however, grew to over 1,000 acres in size during the following 12 hours due primarily to continuing drying trends.

The fire is burning primarily on NFS lands and within and around numerous private land holdings in the area. The area is a very popular for dispersed recreation, and there are several designated campgrounds we may evacuate.

In order to avoid members of the public who may inadvertently find themselves in the direct line of the fire spread or could unintentionally interfere with suppression operations a Defined Temporary Safety Closure Area will be initiated.

Purpose: The goal of the Defined Temporary Safety Closure Area is to provide for public and fire fighter safety.

Scope: The order will prohibit public entry into the area described. Other areas currently open to recreational activities in Santa Fe National Forest will remain open. This prohibition would be implemented via a Forest Order pursuant to Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 261.50 (a) & (b). The order applies to all National Forest System Lands within the area described in the order in the Santa Fe National Forest.

The order will remain in effect until rescinded or until suppression and rehabilitation efforts in the fire area have been completed.

NEPA: Temporary Public Safety Closures are covered under the National Environmental Policy Act provision at 36 CFR 220.6(d)(1), "Categories Established by the Chief; Categories for Which a Project or Case File and Decision Memo Are Not Required; Orders issued pursuant to 36 CFR Part 261 - "Prohibitions to provide short-term resource protection or to protect public health and safety". No extraordinary circumstances have been identified.

Notice: The Forest will post notification of the closure on the Santa Fe National Forest internet site. The general public will also be notified of the closure via signs posted at the NFSR's which

enter the area, commonly used gates from private land, trail heads, notification at the District office, and press releases.

Implementation: This order will take effect when signed by Forest Officer and posted on the ground. Public notification will be concurrent with implementation. The appropriate Forest Officer will rescind the order when suppression and rehabilitation efforts have been completed.

ATTACHMENT B

Enforcement Plan Defined Temporary Safety Closure Area Santa Fe National Forest Coyote Ranger District

The order applies to all National Forest System Lands described in the order and shown on Exhibit A in the Santa Fe National Forest.

Forest Service law enforcement officers (LEOs), as well as District Forest Protection Officers (FPOs), will enforce the Temporary Public Safety Closure. Assistance may be available from State and County law enforcement.

The areas will be posted to reasonably notify the public using the area. Signs will be maintained on a regular basis, with the Temporary Hazardous Fire Conditions Closure Order and map posted on sign boards on roads into areas that will be restricted. Copies of the Closure Order and map will be available at the Coyote Range District Office, Cuba District Office, and the Forest Service website.

A news release will be prepared for dissemination to the media and public.

Law Enforcement patrols, made up of LEOs and FPOs will be utilized on busy weekends to enhance presence, education and enforcement.

Forest Service Law Enforcement will coordinate with the New Mexico State Police, Rio Arriba County Sheriff's Office and Sandoval County Sheriff's Office to gain their support and cooperation with enforcement efforts.

ATTACHMENT C
CIVIL RIGHTS IMPACTS ANALYSIS
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Forest Service
Southwestern Region
CIVIL RIGHTS IMPACT ANALYSIS
Diego Fire
Temporary Closure for Public Safety
Santa Fe National Forest
Rio Arriba and Sandoval Counties, New Mexico

Purpose

The purpose for developing a civil rights impact analysis is to provide the Forest Service decision maker information concerning potential civil rights impacts of the proposed action. Civil rights impacts are those which could affect the agency's ability to ensure equal opportunity in employment and in delivery of programs and services.

Favorable Impacts

The proposed action would:

- Remove the public from the immediate area and potential areas affected by the Diego Fire and related suppression activities. Other areas currently open to recreation on the Santa Fe National Forest will remain open. See exhibit A for a map of the closure area. The order will be posted in the vicinity of all major egresses to closure area.

Unfavorable Impacts

The proposed action would:

- Temporarily eliminate public recreation activities in closed area of the Santa Fe National Forest.

Mitigation Measures

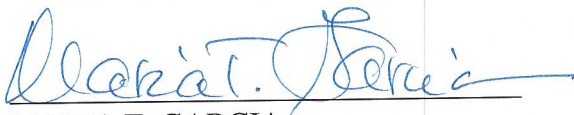
At this time other areas of the Forest are still open to entry for recreation purposes.

Social Impacts

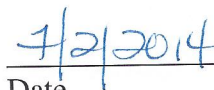
The proposed action does not impose any unreasonable adverse impacts on the civil rights of any individuals. The overall benefits are reasonable, as compared to the unfavorable impacts. The action is temporary in nature and thus is not irreversible and will be subject to monitoring and evaluation in the future.

Net Civil Rights Impact

No net negative Civil Rights Impacts, due to implementation of mitigation measures.




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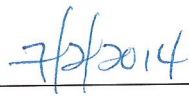

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Assessment of Need & Enforcement Plan Checklist

<u>Action</u>	<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Responsible Staff	<u>June 2014</u>
Review proposed order	LE Patrol Captain	<u>June 2014</u>
Review proposed order	Regional LEI	<u>June 2014</u>
Review proposed order	OGC	<u>June 2014</u>
Approve proposed order	Forest Supervisor	<u>June 2014</u>
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	District Staff Officer and staff	<u>June 2014</u>
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	PAO District Ranger Zone PC/LEO	<u>June 2014</u>
Describe implementation/action taken for order, such as planned patrols, enforcement strategies, tolerances, contacts to local public agencies.	Appropriate Staff LEO/field going personnel	<u>June 2014</u>
Implement plan.		<u>June 2014</u>

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:


 MARIA T. GARCIA
 Forest Supervisor
 Santa Fe National Forest


 Date



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST**

DIEGO FIRE TEMPORARY DEFINED AREA CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and 36 CFR 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands managed by the Coyote and Cuba Ranger Districts as described below in Rio Arriba and Sandoval counties, within the state of New Mexico. The “restricted area” is described below and depicted on the attached map, hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “Diego Fire Area”).

1. Entering or being upon the Diego Fire Area. **36 CFR 261.52(e)**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this Order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
3. Persons engaged in a business, trade, or occupation in the area, which are authorized by the US Forest Service, the State of New Mexico, and the County of Rio Arriba or the County of Sandoval, its employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors.

RESTRICTED AREA:

All National Forest System lands, roads, and trails within the boundaries described below and as depicted on the attached Exhibit A:

Starting from the northeast corner, going north to south:

FR100 at the Forest Boundary south of Youngsville to the Junction of FR99, then FR99 south to its junction with FR144.

South closure boundary from east to west:

At the junction of FR144 and FR99, FR144 is the south boundary going west to the junction of FR527 (Pipeline Road). Then west on FR527 to the junction of FR103. This is the Southwest corner of the closure area.

Southwest corner of the closure area, going south to north:

At the junction of FR527 and FR 103, the closure boundary follows FR 103 north to the junction of FR93. FR 93 is the west closure boundary. FR93 travels northwesterly to Resumidero CG and then turns northeast to the junction of FR103. FR 103 continues north to the junction of FR62, then north to Highway 62, passing through private land past the Santa Teresa Church, across the Cañoncito Seco and back to Forest lands to the junction of FR172. Then northeast on FR172 to the Highway 96 just east of Coyote.

Northeast corner of the closure area, going west to east:

At the junction of FR172 and Highway 96, southeast on Highway 96 to the Forest boundary, then following the Forest boundary south and east to the junction of FR100 just east of Youngsville (back to the northeast corner of the closure area)

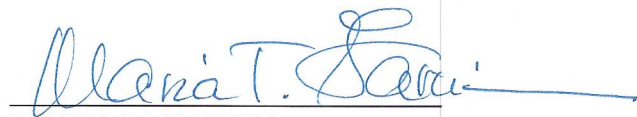
PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Order is to protect the public's health and safety during fire suppression and rehabilitation activities.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until December 31, 2014, whichever occurs first.
2. Any violation of this prohibition is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3885, Title 18 USC 3571, Title 18 USC 3581].

Done at Santa Fe, New Mexico this 02 day of July, 2014.



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